

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 8-18-03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT code 64415 rendered on 4-28-03.

II. FINDINGS

The respondent denied reimbursement based upon “ G – Reimbursement for this procedure is included in the basic allowance for another procedure.”

The insurance carrier did not submit a response to the request for medical dispute resolution.

III. RATIONALE

DOS	CPT CODE	Billed	Paid	EOB Denial Code	MARS (Maximum Allowable Reimbursement)	Reference	Rationale
4-28-03	64415	\$200.00	\$0.00	G	\$152.00	Surgery GR (II)(A)	Per Surgery GR, the global fee concept does not apply to starred procedures. 64415 is a starred procedure; therefore, the insurance carrier incorrectly denied reimbursement based upon G.
TOTAL							The requestor is entitled to reimbursement of \$152.00 .

IV. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT code (64415) in the amount of **\$152.00**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby **ORDERS** the Respondent to remit **\$152.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 4th day of June 2004.

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Medical Review Division